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1. SUMMARY: IN A LETTER OF MARCH 1 ADDRESSED TO BRANIFF, PARAGUAYAN AIRLINES, ARGENTINE AIRLINES, LUFTHANSA, AND CRUZEIRO DO SUL, AASANA, THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AIRPORTS AND AIR SUPPORT SERVICES REJECTED THE CARRIER'S RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN AASANA FEES. THE NEW FEES WERE THEREFORE EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT MARCH 6. JULIO QUIROGA, BRANIFF VICE-PRESIDENT RESIDENT IN LA PAZ, HAS ADVISED US HE DOUBTS THAT BRANIFF HEADQUARTERS WILL AGREE TO PAYMENT OF THE INCREASE. HE AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER AFFECTED CARRIERS HAVE REQUESTED A MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH AASANA AND A REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTATION PRESENTED IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED FEE HIKES, THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS SERVING BOLIVIA (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LAB), OFFERED A COUNTER-PROPOSAL FEBRUARY 15. THE CARRIERS SUGGESTED A FEE INCREASE OF 30 PERCENT, AS OPPOSED TO THE MORE THAN 100 PERCENT REQUESTED BY AASANA,
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AND PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM WITHIN WHICH FUTURE FEE AND POLICY CHANGES AFFECTING THEM WOULD BE WORKED OUT. THE AIRLINES TOOK ISSUE WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE AASANA BUDGET FOR 1978, E.G., WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS AN ATTEMPT TO AMORTIZE ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS IN A SINGLE YEAR, AND THE ALLEGED 100 PERCENT INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES FOR PERSONAL SERVICES IN 1978.

3. THE AASANA REPLY OF MARCH 1 STATES THAT THE NEW FEE SCHEDULE IS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE REDUCTION OF THE SUBSIDY IT RECEIVES FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE NEWLY-IMPOSED REQUIREMENT THAT DECENTRALIZED STATE AGENCIES BALANCE THEIR BUDGETS. INTERESTINGLY, THE DOCUMENT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE WORLD BANK LOAN EARLIER CITED (REF A) IN SUPPORT OF THE INCREASES. THE LETTER CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE CARRIER'S PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON CONSULTATION MECHANISMS, AND DISMISSES THE AIRLINE'S ANALYSIS OF THE 1978 AASANA BUDGET AS INAPPROPRIATE.

4. WE PRESUME BRANIFF WILL CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPORT IN THIS DISPUTE. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, AN EMBASSY OFFICER MADE REPRESENTATIONS BASED ON REF B TO THE DIRECTOR OF AASANA (REF A) AND TO THE SUBSECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION (CERRUTO) BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CARRIERS AND AASANA BEGAN. WE UNDERSTAND AN IATA REPRESENTATIVE WAS HERE, BUT THAT AASANA TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE GOB IS A NON-MEMBER OF IATA AND THEREFORE IATA'S VIEWS DO NOT PERTAIN.

5. COPIES OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE CARRIERS AND AASANA HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT (EB/TT/OA).
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